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The Honorable Donna Shelala  
Dept. of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Ave,  
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Dear Ms. Shelala,

Bernie Sanders, Vermont congressman has introduced a bill into the House requiring that genetically engineered foods be labeled.

Right now irradiated-food has to be labeled, but there is apparently a huge business effort to end labeling, making it impossible for consumers to know the origins of what they are buying.

My husband and I are convinced that maintaining the rights of consumers to make a rational choice about the foods they are purchasing for their families is more important than the profit concerns of the food industry. Too little long term research has been done to assure the public that either genetic engineering or irradiation are safe for indefinite consumption.

Please weigh very carefully the realistic questions we have about the new technology.

But even more basic in a democracy is the public's right to know.

Sincerely,  
*Beverly Scheer*  
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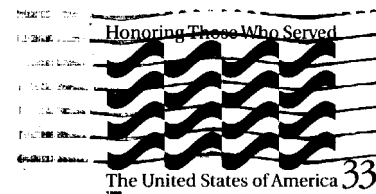
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